

REMARKS:

Claims 43 and 46 are presented for examination, with claims 43 and 46 having been amended hereby and claims 44, 45 and 47 having been cancelled, without prejudice or disclaimer.

Reconsideration is respectfully requested of the rejection of claim 43 under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Atkinson (GB 1,593,152).

It is respectfully submitted that applicant does not necessarily concur with the Examiner in the Examiner's analysis of the claims of the present application and the Atkinson disclosure.

Nevertheless, in order to expedite prosecution of the application, claim 43 has been amended hereby to more particularly point out the features of the invention directed to: (1) the calculator having a plurality of buttons and a display which are exposed on an exterior surface of the container; and (2) the stored item being a pair of eyeglasses.

It is believed that these features, as claimed, are neither shown nor suggested by Atkinson.

In this regard, it is noted that the "calculator" of Atkinson is comprised of a sleeve and tube. Thus, such "calculator" does not show or suggest the button arrangement currently recited. Moreover, it is noted that Atkinson relates to containers such as "pencil boxes" (*see*, e.g., the writing instruments of Fig. 1). Thus, there is no showing or suggestion of a container for storing eyeglasses. In fact, it is respectfully submitted that the Examiner has implicitly acknowledged this by rejecting claims 43 and 44 in light of Atkinson but not claim 45 (which had recited that the stored item is a pair of eyeglasses).

Therefore, it is respectfully submitted that the rejection of claim 43 under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Atkinson has been overcome.

Reconsideration is respectfully requested of the rejection of claims 43 and 46 under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Chu (Des. 410,672).

It is respectfully submitted that applicant does not necessarily concur with the Examiner in the Examiner's analysis of the claims of the present application and the Chu disclosure.

Nevertheless, in order to expedite prosecution of the application, claims 43 and 46 have

been amended hereby to more particularly point out the feature of the invention directed to the stored item being a pair of eyeglasses.

It is believed that this feature, as claimed, is neither shown nor suggested by Chu.

In this regard, it is noted that Chu relates to a "CD box with calculator". Thus, there is no showing or suggestion of a container for storing eyeglasses. In fact, it is respectfully submitted that the Examiner has implicitly acknowledged this by rejecting claims 43, 44 and 46 in light of Chu but not claims 45 and 47 (which had recited that the stored item is a pair of eyeglasses).

Therefore, it is respectfully submitted that the rejection of claims 43 and 46 under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Chu has been overcome.

Reconsideration is respectfully requested of the rejection of claims 43 and 46 under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Terkildsen (5,115,893).

It is respectfully submitted that applicant does not necessarily concur with the Examiner in the Examiner's analysis of the claims of the present application and the Terkildsen disclosure.

Nevertheless, in order to expedite prosecution of the application, claims 43 and 46 have been amended hereby to more particularly point out the features of the invention directed to: (1) the calculator being permanently affixed to and integrated with the container; and (2) the stored item being a pair of eyeglasses.

It is believed that these features, as claimed, are neither shown nor suggested by Terkildsen.

In this regard, it is noted that the calculator of Terkildsen is detachable (*see*, e.g., the Abstract; Col. 7, lines 49-65; Fig. 2). Thus, Terkildsen does not show or suggest the permanently affixed and integrated calculator configuration currently recited. Moreover, it is noted that Terkildsen relates to a "travel desk". Thus, there is no showing or suggestion of a container for storing eyeglasses. In fact, it is respectfully submitted that the Examiner has implicitly acknowledged this by rejecting claims 43, 44 and 46 in light of Terkildsen but not claims 45 and 47 (which had recited that the stored item is a pair of eyeglasses).

Therefore, it is respectfully submitted that the rejection of claims 43 and 46 under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Terkildsen has been overcome.

Reconsideration is respectfully requested of the rejection of claims 43 and 46 under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Sutton (6,179,025).

It is respectfully submitted that applicant does not necessarily concur with the Examiner in the Examiner's analysis of the claims of the present application and the Sutton disclosure.

Nevertheless, in order to expedite prosecution of the application, claims 43 and 46 have been amended hereby to more particularly point out the features of the invention directed to: (1) the calculator being permanently affixed to and integrated with the container; and (2) the calculator having a plurality of buttons and a display which are exposed on an exterior surface of the container.

It is believed that these features, as claimed, are neither shown nor suggested by Sutton.

In this regard, it is noted that the calculator of Sutton is removable. That is, the calculator may be placed in outer storage pocket 26 for storage and removed therefrom for use. Thus, Sutton does not show or suggest the permanently affixed and integrated calculator configuration currently recited. Further, when the calculator of Sutton is associated with the cover by being placed within storage pocket 26, the calculator clearly does not have a plurality of buttons and a display which are exposed on an exterior surface of the container (i.e., any buttons and display components of the calculator of Sutton would be hidden from view, within the storage pocket 26). Thus, Sutton does not show or suggest the button/display arrangement currently recited.

Moreover, it is noted that while pouch 11 may hold eyeglasses, the calculator is stored in storage pocket 26 of cover 12 (*see*, e.g., Col. 5, lines 24-64). Thus, the calculator (even when stored as described above) is not located on the container which stores the eyeglasses.

Therefore, it is respectfully submitted that the rejection of claims 43 and 46 under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Sutton has been overcome.

Lastly, referring now to the rejection of claims 45 and 47 under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Terkildsen in view of Bowers (6,244,400), it is noted that the cancellation of these claims has rendered their rejection moot. However, it is further noted that the subject matter of cancelled claim 45 has been added to independent claim 43 and the subject matter of cancelled claim 47 has been added to independent claim 46. Thus, in order to expedite prosecution of the application, it is additionally noted that neither Terkildsen nor Bowers show or suggest (either alone or in combination) the feature of the invention directed to the calculator being permanently affixed to and integrated with the container (as discussed in detail above regarding the rejection of claims 43, 44 and 46 under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by

Terkildsen).

Accordingly, it is respectfully submitted that each rejection raised by the Examiner in the September 16, 2003 Office Action has been overcome and that the above-identified application is now in condition for allowance.

Finally, it is noted that this Amendment is fully supported by the originally filed application and thus, no new matter has been added. For this reason, the Amendment should be entered.

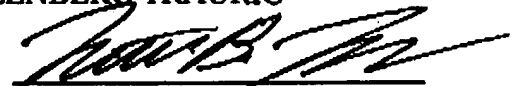
More particularly, support for the amendments to the claims is found at page 2, lines 7-9 and page 4, lines 15-21, as filed; in Figs. 13 and 14, as filed; and throughout the specification.

Favorable reconsideration is earnestly solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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